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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
DOCKET ROOM

Sarah Kyle
Chairman
State of Tennessee
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robinson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: **Request the release of \$20,000.00 being held as security with the agency**

Dear Madam Chairman,

This communication is regarding the new stature law that was presented to us. We are **requesting a release of our \$20,000.00 being held as security with the agency.** We applied for our Telecom license before the new stature became law and during this time the agency requirement did not include a surety bond or a letter of credit. Since then, the new law required CLEC re-sellers to set up a minimum of \$20,000.00 surety and / or letter of credit, and it took us a little over a year to become in compliance. As a small and minority business, we can not afford setting up \$20,000.00 in a reserved account not being used. Therefore, we feel that we should be grandfathered into the system and not required to comply with the same orders.

We realize that certain requirements are needed in order to maintain good status. But we have a major concern when changes takes place in midcourse and this change affected us tremendously when it required additional funding. We believe part of the deregulation rule implied inclusive companies not rules that would separate. Hypothetical, if a requirement is changed to \$100,000.00; will that mean we would have to obtain such amount? We think that SoloXtra Telecom, Inc. should be exempted from such amendment because we are a small and minority business with limited capital and do not maintain the large reserves as our competitors.

We are experience in Telecommunications; we have deployed a major amount of time and money since 1997 which includes various BellSouth classes, obtaining licenses, meeting consultants, and software expense. Therefore, it is our request to your agency to honor a waiver for our \$20,000.00 that have been place for security with Tennessee Regulatory Agency or honor a 12-month extension to obtain the \$20,000.00. The \$20,000.00 that is being held now as security for the agency is needed in our business immediately.

We hope that this can be presented on Monday's (October 21, 2002) agenda. If you have questions, please call me direct at 901 503-8876. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



RM Blount
Chairman/CEO

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Re: Per our discussion

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